

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, line 18, to page 11, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

It is possible to configure the hardware of the video file server 20 for effective service of all kinds of movies due to a certain regularity in the frequency of access of movies once the movies have been ranked in terms of their frequency of access. Shown in FIG. 2, for example, is an idealized plot of the frequency of access, in plays per day, as a function of the ranking of each movie accessible from the video file server. The most popular movie is given a rank of one, the next most popular movie is given a rank of 2, and so on. When plotted on log-log paper, the plot falls on a straight line with negative slope in accordance with the "Zipf" distribution. (See, for example, the Jakob Nielsen, "Zipf Curves and Website Popularity," published at <http://www.useit.com/alertbox/zipf.html> on the Internet at the "useit.com" web site). Although the popularity of each movie may rise and will fall with time, the plot will retain its general characteristic of a line having a certain slope and intercept with the "y" axis. Therefore, it is possible to configure and program the video file server in accordance with the general characteristic, in order to handle effectively each movie ranking. Moreover, the video file server can be configured and programmed initially without regard to the rank of any particular movie.